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## **AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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In response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 13, 2000, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 12, 13, 15, 16, 21, 24, 25, 26 and 28 without prejudice or disclaimer of the matter therein.

Please amend claims 11, 12, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23 and 27 as follows:

11. (Amended) An information transmission [processing] device for transmitting plural items of information [interconnected] via transmission media to [with] a plurality of [other] information destination [processing] devices, said information transmission (processing) device comprising:

storage means for storing <u>said plural items of</u>
<u>information</u>, [in a correlated manner with one another,] <u>and</u>

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